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In re Patent Application of:  
Kunihiro Miichi, et al.

Application No.: 09/974,898

Filed: October 12, 2001

For: IMAGE COMPARISON APPARATUS,  
IMAGE COMPARISON METHOD, IMAGE  
COMPARISON CENTER APPARATUS,  
AND IMAGE COMPARISON SYSTEM

Confirmation No. 8944

Group Art Unit: 2621

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application – Filing Date  
Granted mailed November 13, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit a Combined  
Declaration and Power of Attorney, Assignment and one set (8 sheets, Figs. 1-8) of  
substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84 for filing in the above-identified  
patent application.

Our check in the amount of \$280.00 is enclosed which covers the fee set forth in  
37 CFR 1.16(e) (\$130.00) plus a One Month Extension of Time (\$110.00) and  
Recordation fee (\$40.00). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any  
deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or

with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. O3020.0279/P279. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: February 1, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

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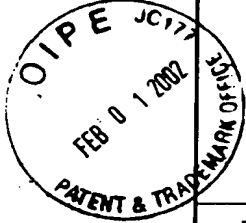
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<b>Firm or Individual Name</b>	DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY LLP Thomas J. D'Amico
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	February 1, 2002

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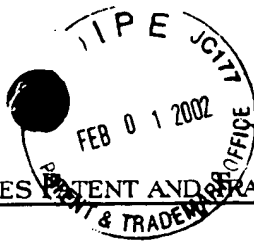
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20	
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3	
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
109	84	209	42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
110	18	210	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBMITTED BY		Complete (if applicable)	
Name (Print/Type)	Thomas J. D'Amico	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	28,371
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*